

State of California
Business, Transportation and Housing Agency
Department of Transportation

PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS
Extension Request – Contract Award
Resolution: G-01-21

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WAIVER REQUEST – CTC RESOLUTION G-01-21
CTC STIP GUIDELINES
SECTION 65 – TIMELY USE OF FUNDS
LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS PROJECTS
WAIVER-02-35

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation's recommendations are shown on the attachment.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Resolution G-01-21, *STIP Guidelines*, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on July 12, 2001, stipulates that funds allocated for the construction phase of local grant projects are available for contract award for a period of 12 months from the date of allocation. The guidelines further stipulate that the Commission may approve waivers to the contract award deadlines one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

The Commission allocated \$1,291,000 on May 2, 2001 for the Sierra Highway Bikeway Gap Closure project in the City of Lancaster (PPNO 2919). The city was unable to award the contract by the deadline of May 2, 2002 and therefore requests an extension of 8 months for a new deadline of January 2, 2003. The attachment shows the detail of the project and the delay that resulted in the extension request. The project sponsor requests the extension and the planning agency concurs.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award
Item 2.8b – Local Streets and Roads Projects
Program Year 2001/2002

Project #	Applicant County	Extension Amount By Component (\$ in thousands) E&P PS&E R/W CON Total	Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
Reason for Project Delay:			
1	City of Lancaster Los Angeles	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$1,291 \$1,291	8 months 01/02/2003 Support – meets STIP guidelines
<p>The City's request for extension is necessitated by the unforeseen circumstance of having to obtain an additional License Agreement from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). This agreement permits the City to construct and maintain a portion of the bikeway on property owned by the MTA. This was unforeseen because the City already has an existing License Agreement with the MTA to occupy the same property with City installed fencing and landscaping that has been in place since 1999. It was assumed that the existing agreement would be sufficient for the bikeway project. However, when the City began final project design and engineering on the project shortly after receiving the allocation in May 2001, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA), which operates commuter rail service adjacent to the project area, informed the City that they would not approve the project design until the City first obtained MTA approval. When the City attempted to obtain MTA approval, it was informed that a new License Agreement would be required. MTA returned a fully executed License Agreement to the City on February 22, 2002. The City then sent a "Request for Authorization to Proceed with Construction" to Caltrans in March 2002. The approved FNM-76, authorizing the City to advertise, was received May 21, 2002, unfortunately after the contract award deadline. The City had erroneously assumed that the deadline had been met once it submitted the "Request for Authorization to Proceed with Construction".</p> <p>This project is critically important to the City and it continues to stand ready to go on the project. Therefore, in an effort to expedite the project, the City will advertise this project before the time extension request is considered by the CTC at its July 2002 meeting. If the extension request is approved, the City Council will consider award of the construction contract.</p> <p>Due to the delay, the City is requesting an 8-month extension for award of the construction contract.</p>			